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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Ralph Shape

Once again we are witness to a year drawing to a close. As the first snowflakes touch the ground and this year's leaves are yet to finish falling, we look forward to the warmth of spring and the leaves of a new year. Our fondest wish is that the year has been kind to all of you.



Our Society goes on. If you look up the word "society" in the dictionary it's defined as "any organization or group of people joined together because of some interest in common." That fairly well describes us. Throughout the world there are probably less than a thousand magic lantern people. Many more are aware of the lantern because of their exposure to it through the efforts of our members. Steve Tobin has displayed his glass houses giving new life to many neglected slides. Jack Judson, through his museum, is opening the world of lanterns to many newcomers.

Terry Borton is showing what the original shows were like. And of course we can't forget eBay, which has exposed lanterns and slides to collectors everywhere. The list could go on for several pages to include our member's list as well as those of our compatriots in the British Society. Educating the public is important, but above all we must work to preserve the history.

At a recent antique and collectable show I attended there was a booth selling "collectible insurance" (insurance for collections of antiques and collectibles). I'm sure many of you saw the same booth. The collectible insurance business is not interested in what your collection consists of. They just charge you a percentage of total value and hope they win the gamble. In most cases they do. I think it would make a helpful and interesting story for the *Gazette* if we could compile what others have done to insure collectibles. Are there any knowledgeable people out there who can share their information with the rest of us?

Our treasurer, Sharon Koch, advises that the Society is in excellent financial condition. We completed a profitable convention in Rochester. We didn't intend to make a profit, only to have a great time. Well, we did both. Mr. Vice, Homer Peabody, advises that work on the by-laws is nearly completed. Any changes will be published and be subject to a vote of the membership.

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Again, this year the winter issue of the *Gazette* is abbreviated to achieve the goal of editorial relief. Included is a copy of a historical publication which I'm sure you will find both interesting and a valuable addition to your collection.

I wish to thank the membership for their support throughout the past year. This is so important to sustaining the Society. Particularly due are thanks to Bob and Sue Hall and Larry Cederblom for another year's outstanding publication of the *Gazette*. Best wishes to all for a happy holiday season.

May your lantern shine brightly throughout the new year and may your 2003 dues be received shortly.





NORTHWEST CORNER SETS 2003 DATES

By Bob Hall

A group of about a dozen collectors from the Pacific Northwest meets four times a year for lunch, discussion of magic lantern collecting issues, a lantern show, and a "bring and brag" of latest acquisitions.

We usually publish minutes of these meetings for information and to encourage others who can do so to form and have similar meetings. It adds so much to our pleasure as collectors. We also want to invite anyone visiting this area to attend a meeting if your visit coincides with one of our dates. Our last meeting was attended by David and Leslie Evans, from England, as they passed through on their way to British Columbia.

Dates and venues for 2003 are:
February 6 - Bob & Sue Hall's
May 4 - Bob Bishop's
August 24 - Sharon & Mike Koch's
November 16 - Ralph and Judie Shape's



OPEN LETTER TO SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

By Steve Tobin

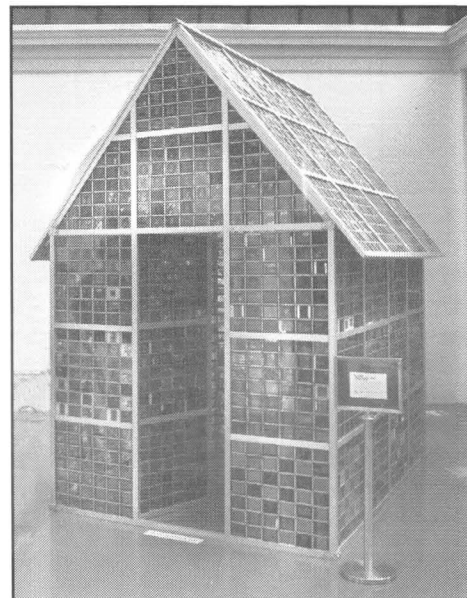
Thank you for the fair and accurate discussion and review of my "lantern house" at the convention and in the *Gazette*. The piece is called "lantern house" because it normally projects the images onto the viewer with a single halogen bulb in a dark room. I was horrified to find out that my "lantern house" was going to be in a sunlit room!

After discussing the possible fading of some photos with the head curator of the Eastman House we decided to monitor any loss of imagery and consider it an experiment. So far no noticeable fading has occurred. It seems that the glass roof filtered out enough harmful infrared and ultraviolet rays to pro-

tect the images. The house will be brought back to my studio in December. The museum has said the exhibition has been very popular and they are looking for a patron to help acquire it for their collection.

I had really wanted to attend the conference but a family issue prevented me from going. I wanted to meet the nice people with whom I had been corresponding with and learn as much as I could about slides. I don't even know which slides are the "Beale slides!" I had also wanted to network and trade some of my slides for more eccentric and exotic slides for my houses.

For the record, I don't have 200,000 slides. I have about 50,000 ... and I am taking good care of them for future generations to enjoy. Anyone that would like to communicate with me can e-mail me at steve@stevetobin.com.



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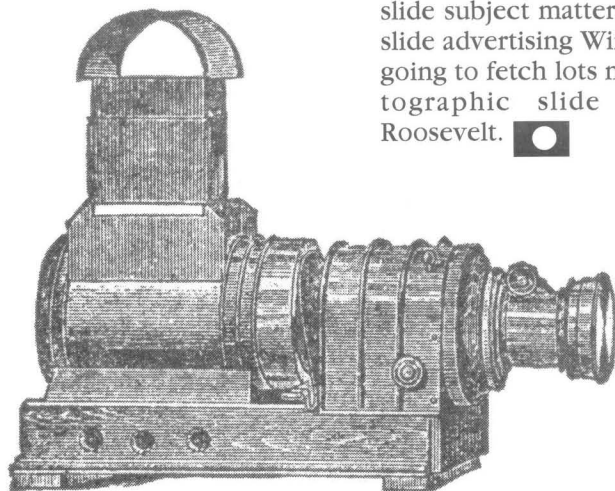
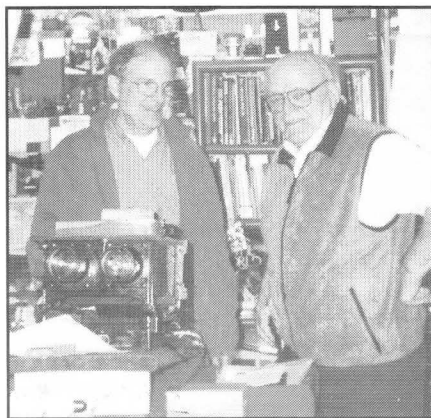
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Regular member	\$25
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THE OLD PROJECTIONIST

By Sue Hall

If Joe and Alice Koch were our Society's founding father and mother, then in a manner of speaking, Bob Bishop of Port Angeles, Washington, is the grandfather. Joe and Alice attended one of TOPS' "Last Magic Lantern Shows" many years ago and this experience led Joe to begin collecting and to eventually form our Society.

The editors received this brief e-mail from Terry and Debbie Borton and wanted to share their efforts with you: "We were out your way over the summer and stopped in to see Bob and Carm Bishop. Took this pix, which I thought you might like for the bulletin. Best, Terry and Debbie Borton."



INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW

By Bob Hall

I recently copied this message off the Yahoo Magic Lantern chat site. It came from thomas.weynants@pandora.be. I did not see that he received an answer. Can anyone help him?

Dear Magic Lantern friends,
 Is there anyone familiar with the slide painter G. Degueldre? I found a slide with this signature, in opaque red, on the black circular surrounding. Together with the name there is also a date, 1876. All of this is in a nice handwriting and underneath the protecting covering glass. The slide is depicting a city view, showing the church in the center and a separate, campanile building (probably an Italian view of location?). The name sounds more French to me?

All information about this magic lantern slide painter is very welcome. Probably, there are more collectors with slides bearing the same signature?

Many thanks,
 Thomas Weynants

Another reader on the same site wanted to know if there was a source for finding information on how to price slides. Sue e-mailed him and directed him to eBay along with some information on pricing according to slide subject matter. For instance, a slide advertising Winchester rifles is going to fetch lots more than a photographic slide of Theodore Roosevelt.

JOHNSON SHAW MUSEUM OF INTEREST TO SOCIETY MEMBERS

By Ron Easterday

If you receive the stereoscopic society journal, did you notice the new Keystone Museum opening this fall in Meadville, PA? The website, while not extensive yet, is worth a quick look. They claim to have Keystone lantern slides according to their "history" page. Check it out at www.johnshawmuseum.org and those of you living or visiting in that area might wish to visit. If so, let the rest of us know if it was worthwhile.

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale:

This lead comes from member John Hadin. A woman named Heather Eckles has a sizeable collection of slides she inherited from her father. Song slides and advertising slides are part of the collection. Her phone number is 303.273.9647. That's all the details we have.

For Sale:

Again very little details available about another collection of slides and a lantern inherited from his father. The projector is J. Gennert Prize Projector in box and Jim would like to sell it. Slides are mostly religious and from his e-mail appear to be free to whom-ever comes and gets them! Contact Jim Worley, 7010 Glacier Lane, Harrison (Chattanooga), TN 37341. Phone 423.344.9335, e-mail: worleydj@bellsouth.net.

Wanted and Willing to Pay!

Wizard of Oz magic lantern slides: Joanne Rees, 6770 SW Juniper Terrace, Beaverton, OR 97008. Phone, 503.644.3288, e-mail: nx46@msn.com.



THE MAGIC LANTERN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES & CANADA FINANCIAL REPORT – NOVEMBER 2002

Balance – November 2001 \$5,579.44

INCOME

Convention	\$11,292.00
Member dues	3,068.72
Publications	20.00
Bob Bishop	10.00
Bank Interest	15.35
Paypal	.47

Total Income: \$14,406.54

EXPENSE

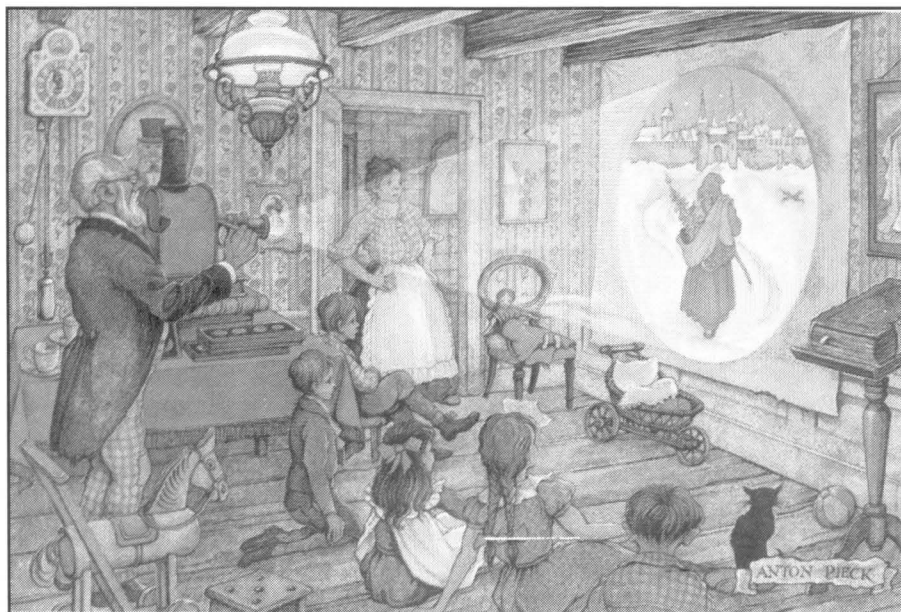
Gazette (4)	
Printing	1,435.85
Mailing	617.06
Word Processing	382.50

Secretary/Treasurer	
Member books	443.84
Postage	92.52
Supplies	89.89
Member cards	36.89

Convention	9,809.53
Returned check/fee	194.50

Total Expense \$13,102.58

BALANCE NOVEMBER 2002 \$6,883.40

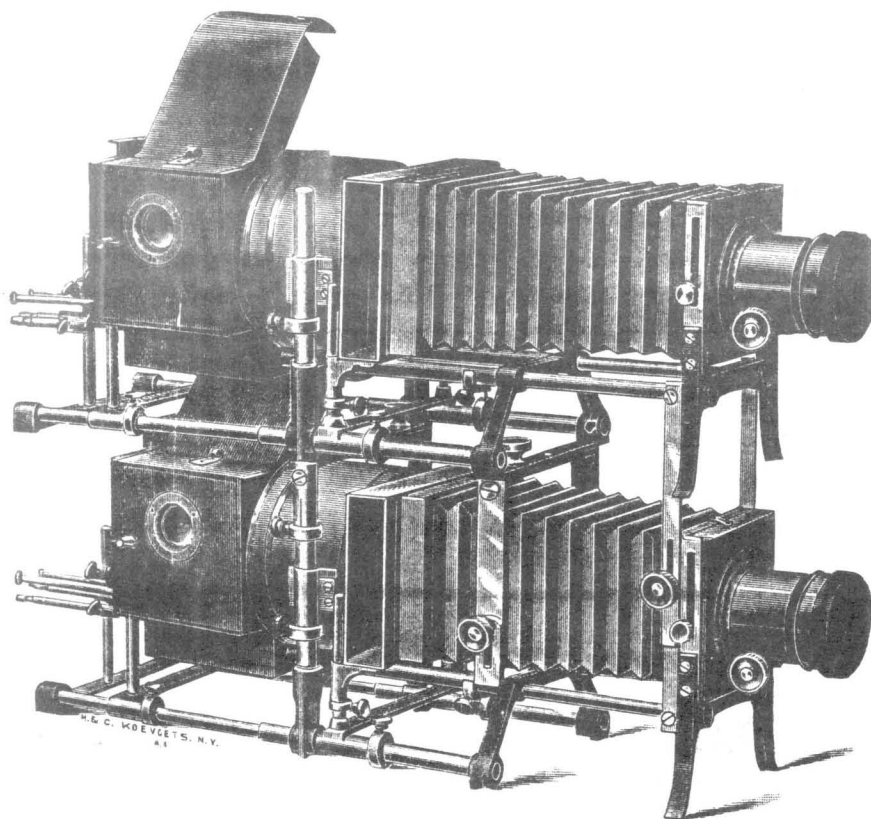


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